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The Appeal Brief filed on 10 February 2003 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 (c) within the longest of any of the following three **TIME PERIODS**: (1) **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) **TWO MONTHS** from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. **EXTENTIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.**

1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6. ☒ A single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
 - (a) ☐ the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
 - (b) ☒ the brief includes the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c) (7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
7. ☐ The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8. ☐ The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
9. ☒ Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

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Continuation of 9. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items): Appellants fail to specifically state the grouping of claims. For example, claims 37, 51-54 and 56 share a common ground of rejection, thus, it appears that these claims should be grouped together. Many other claims also share a common ground of rejection. Even though appellants believe the claims of the group do not stand or fall together, the grouping of claims should be listed. Furthermore, the brief states that the claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof (for each claim) in the argument section. For example, it is argued that claim 52 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 51 (see page 15 of the appeal brief filed on 2/10/2003) (note that claim 52 is only one example). It should also be noted that merely pointing out differences in what the claims cover is not an argument as to why the claims are separately patentable (see MPEP 1206, item number 7 under "Appeal Brief Content").

Regarding the after final amendment filed with the appeal brief on 2/10/2003, the amendments to claims 37 and 47 overcome the objection to claims 37 and 47 presented in the final office action (paper number 18). It appears that the amendment to claim 63 was done to remove a typographical error from lines 10-11, since the limitation "and to embrace the data entry device" appears in line 9 as well as lines 10-11. Thus, the amendment filed on 2/10/2003 will be entered.

Please note that the final office action (paper number 18) contains a typographical error. Regarding item number 7 (the rejection of claim 43, page 7), the heading should include, "... further in view of Goodwin et al." It is believed that this was clear due to the discussion of the teachings of Goodwin et al contained in item number 7.

It is also noted that the amendment filed on 9/11/2001 (paper number 12) requests cancelling claims 23-38, however, the appeal brief filed on 9/11/2001 (paper number 13) indicates that claims 23-36 were cancelled. Thus far, only claims 23-36 have been cancelled, please confirm that is what was intended.